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Case No. 10022/46

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joaquin Feria et al.

Serial No.: 09/680,902

Attention: Manager,
Application Branch

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHOD FOR
DETERMINING TOTAL
COST OF OWNERSHIP

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated November 27, 2000, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant is:

a small entity, verified statement is:

attached

already filed

other than small entity

Checks totaling \$130.00 for:

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Additional Claim Fees of \$_____.

Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).

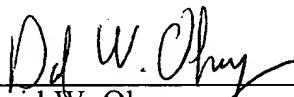
Other: \$890.00 Petition Filing Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10022/46
Serial No. 09/680,902	Filing Date October 6, 2000	Examiner	Group Art Unit 2161
Inventor(s) Joaquin Feria et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD FOR DETERMINING TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Notice To File Missing Parts (in dupl.); Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts; Declaration for Patent Application (2 sheets); Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449 with 12 cited references.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a three month extension of time.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:
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				Small Entity	Other Than Small Entity
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate
Total	Minus		x \$9 =		x \$18 =
Indep.	Minus		x 40 =		x \$80 =
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$135 =		+ \$270 =
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- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Checks in the amount of \$130.00 and \$890.00 to cover the filing fees are enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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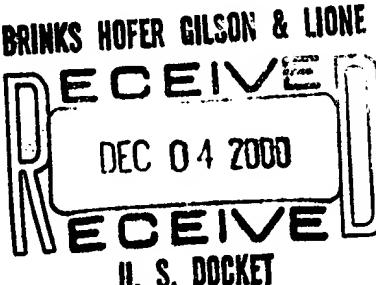


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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